

NEW Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Extensions November 2009 (Revised 11/18/09)

Two new EUC extensions were passed by Congress and signed by the President on Friday, November 6, 2009. In summary, the new law:

- Adds **up to 1 additional week** to EUC Tier II (total of 14 weeks);
- Creates an EUC Tier III for up to an **additional 13 weeks** of benefits; and
- Creates an EUC Tier IV for high unemployment states, such as Kentucky, for an **additional up to 6 weeks**.

Who is Eligible, How Will They Be Notified, and What Needs To Be Done?

- Those who exhaust their Extended Benefits (EB) in 2009 may qualify.
- Unemployed workers who have exhausted all unemployment benefits may qualify.
- Payments will be made retroactive to the new EUC extension's effective date of November 8, 2009.

If you have exhausted all benefits:

- UI will begin mailing redeterminations out when the programming is complete. Refer back to this page for updates.
- Once the programming is complete, you can begin contacting by telephone or online on to file a claim for the new EUC extensions.

If you are currently collecting state unemployment, EUC Tier I, or Tier II

- Continue to report using the internet or telephone system.
- The additional 1 week of Tier II (up to a total of 14 weeks) will be automatically added to your claim. No additional claim filing will be necessary.
- UI will mail redeterminations to those on Tier II, when you have exhausted those benefits and need to go to the next Tier.

If you are currently collecting Extended Benefits (EB):

- Continue to report using the internet.
- UI will mail redeterminations to those EB, when you have exhausted those benefits and need to go to the next Tier.

Important Notes:

EUC Tiers I-IV and Extended Benefits (EB) have expiration dates.

- As of now, all EB and EUC benefits (Tiers I-IV) are due to expire 12-26-2009.
- **If you are already collecting EUC benefits that week, you may continue collecting the weeks for which you are entitled.**
- You will be unable to begin the next EUC tier after that week – the week of expiration.

Current Unemployment Programs:

State regular unemployment provides up to 26 weeks of benefits, based on a worker's earnings prior to becoming unemployed.

EUC Tier I began in July 2008 and provides an unemployed worker with up to 20 weeks of federally funded unemployment benefits, once they exhaust their state benefits. EUC Tier I = 80% of a person's state unemployment benefits, up to 20 weeks.

EUC Tier II began in November 2008 and provides up to 13 weeks of federally funded benefits after a person exhausts EUC Tier I. Tier II = 50% of a person's state unemployment benefits, up to 13 weeks. Effective November 8, 2009, Tier II now provides for up to 54% of a person's state unemployment benefits, *up to 14 weeks*. Benefit payments for EUC Tier II will range from \$48 to one full week of \$387.

EUC Tier III is effective November 8, 2009 and provides up to 13 weeks of federally funded EUC benefits after a person exhausts EUC Tier II. Tier III = 50% of a person's state unemployment benefits, up to 13 weeks.

EUC Tier IV is also effective November 8, 2009 and provides up to 6 weeks of federally funded EUC benefits after a person exhausts Tier III. Tier IV = 24% of a person's state unemployment benefits, up to 6 weeks. Tier IV is payable in Michigan because Michigan is a high unemployment state.

Extended Benefits (EB) began in June 2009 and provides up to 20 weeks of federally funded benefits after a person exhausts EUC Tier II. EB = 80% of a person's state unemployment benefits, up to 20 weeks. *Note: If you had not filed for EB as of 11/07/2009, you are no longer eligible.*

UI will update information about the EUC and EB extensions on this website.

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